

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A terminal comprising:
a terminal body;
a data output interface comprising a display disposed on a face of said terminal body; and
a data input interface comprising a keypad, which is extractable by a linear movement from a storage space inside said terminal body, wherein said keypad is disposed on a flexible film supported by a pulley comprising a retractor mechanism that is biased to retract said film into said storage space, wherein said terminal body comprises an activator mechanism that is configured to apply an electrical current through said film, wherein said film comprises a material which is configured to change from a flexible mode to a stiff mode responsive to application of the electric current to become stiff along a longitudinal extension thereof supporting the keypad to support typing on the keypad.
2. (Previously Presented) The terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said terminal body has a front face supporting said display, and a back face opposite said front face, wherein said keypad is extractable from an aperture disposed at a side of said terminal between said front face and said back face.
3. (Previously Presented) The terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said keypad comprises a gripping portion at an outer end of said film.
4. (Previously Presented) The terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said pulley is configured to retract and roll up said film, when in a flexible mode, about a roller.
5. (Previously Presented) The terminal as recited in claim 1, further comprising a detector mechanism that is configured to detect when said film has been extracted from said storage space to a fully extracted position and to respond to that detection by

causing said activator mechanism to apply an electrical current through said film.

6. (Previously Presented) The terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said pulley comprises a locking mechanism that is configured to inhibit movement by said retractor mechanism when said film has been extracted from said storage space to a fully extracted position.

7. (Previously Presented) The terminal as recited in claim 5, wherein said detector mechanism is configured to detect when a pulling force is applied on said film when the film is located in said fully extracted position, whereupon said detector mechanism causes said activator mechanism to stop applying the electric current to said film.

8. (Currently Amended) A terminal comprising:

a terminal body;

a data output interface comprising a display disposed on a face of said terminal body; and

a data input interface comprising a keypad, which is extractable by a linear movement from a storage space inside said terminal body, wherein said keypad is disposed on a flexible film supported by a pulley comprising a retractor mechanism that is biased to retract said film into said storage space, wherein the flexible film is curved with a shallow U-shape in a cross-section transverse the longitudinal extension of the film when extracted from said storage space and the film ~~then subsequently maintains the cross-sectional shallow U-shape to~~ automatically maintain[[s]] a straight longitudinal extension shape outside said storage space of the terminal body.

9. (Previously Presented) The terminal as recited in claim 8, wherein the flexible film is extractable through a slot having a curvature that corresponds to the shallow U-shape of the flexible film as the film is extracted from said storage space of the terminal body.

10. (Previously Presented) The terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said terminal comprises a radio communication terminal.

11. (New) A terminal comprising:

a terminal body;

a data output interface comprising a display disposed on a face of said terminal body;

a data input interface comprising a keypad, which is extractable by a linear movement from a storage space inside said terminal body, wherein said keypad is disposed on a flexible film supported by a pulley comprising a retractor mechanism that is biased to retract said film into said storage space, wherein said terminal body comprises an activator mechanism that is configured to apply an electrical current through said film, wherein said film comprises a material which is configured to change from a flexible mode to a stiff mode responsive to application of the electric current to become stiff along a longitudinal extension thereof supporting the keypad to support typing on the keypad; and

a detector mechanism that is configured to detect when said film has been extracted from said storage space to a fully extracted position and to respond to that detection by causing said activator mechanism to apply an electrical current through said film.

12. (New) The terminal as recited in claim 11, wherein said detector mechanism is configured to detect when a pulling force is applied on said film when the film is located in said fully extracted position, whereupon said detector mechanism causes said activator mechanism to stop applying the electric current to said film to return said film to the flexible mode so that the pulley retracts and rolls up said film about a roller.

13. (New) The terminal as recited in claim 12, wherein said pulley comprises a locking mechanism that is configured to inhibit movement by said retractor mechanism when said film has been extracted from said storage space to a fully extracted position, and configured to allow retraction and roll up of said film about the roller when the pulling force is applied on said film when the film is located in said fully extracted position.